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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GAMBARO.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to assistance for at-risk students in public schools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 160.730, to read as follows:

**160.730. 1. There is hereby established in the department of elementary and
2 secondary education the "Motivating Parents and Children" (MPAC) program. This
3 program shall be a pilot program for school districts to provide parental involvement
4 services to families with compulsory school age children who are considered "at-risk"
5 students by the school district, as that term is defined in section 167.273, RSMo.**

**6 2. Subject to appropriation, the department of elementary and secondary education
7 shall provide grants to six qualifying school districts per year to provide services to families
8 with at-risk students. Three of the qualifying school districts shall be rural districts, and
9 three shall be urban districts. The department of elementary and secondary education
10 shall establish or provide the following as part of the services of this program:**

**11 (1) A statewide program coordinator, to be employed by the department of
12 elementary and secondary education;**

**13 (2) Development and implementation of a program of family support services,
14 which shall also be available to home school students;**

**15 (3) Program requirement that parents or guardians shall spend a day in school with
16 their child if the child violates any disciplinary rules of the school district, other than
17 suspension or expulsion;**

18 (4) Upon school board approval, the establishment of an incentive program for

19 children whose parents attend parent-teacher association meetings or parenting classes.

20 (5) Establishment of a program using volunteers to provide child care services for
21 parents who attend parenting classes or attend after-school or evening programs related
22 to parenting.

23 3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop criteria
24 to determine which school districts qualify for the services of this program. The
25 commissioner shall have the authority to promulgate any rules necessary to implement the
26 provisions of this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the
27 authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to
28 chapter 536, RSMo.

29 4. There is hereby established in the state treasury the "Motivating Parents and
30 Children Fund", which shall consist of all moneys appropriated to the fund and all
31 donations, bequests, or other gifts of any kind deposited in the fund. The fund shall be
32 administered by the department of elementary and secondary education for the purpose
33 of funding the grants described in this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of section
34 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, moneys in the fund shall not be transferred to the general
35 revenue fund at the end of the biennium. All interest and moneys earned on such fund
36 shall be credited to the fund.